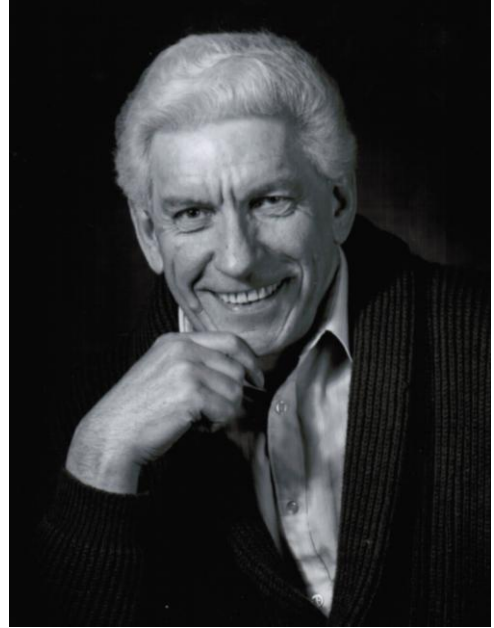


ERNEST ROY BONISTEEL, CM

Inducted 2004

Roy Bonisteel was born in Sidney Township on the ancestral Bonisteel home in 1930, one of ten children of Ben Bonisteel and Florence Hunt. Roy is one of Canada's most popular and best known journalists. After a career in radio and print journalism that started in St. Catharines, he joined the CBC-TV in Toronto and hosted "Man Alive" for 22 years, during which he travelled the globe interviewing many notables and world leaders, but still was able to return to his roots in Sidney Township in 1971 and lives on the family homestead settled by his ancestors.

He also became a regular columnist with the United Church Observer and the author of several books including *In Search of Man Alive*, *Man Alive the Human Journey*, *There Was A Time*, and *All Things Considered*. His other accomplishments are numerous, including national spokesman for Families and Children Experiencing AIDS, professor of journalism at the University of Calgary, and has been a Canadian citizenship judge for the past several years.



Roy has a keen interest in history, which is reflected in his own home which is on the site settled by his own ancestors over 200 years ago, and has preserved and restored the adjacent Methodist Church on the Johnstown Road. He has ties to several Quinte area loyalists including John Walden Meyers, James McMasters, Nicholas Peterson Sr. and George Finkle. In 1995 Roy received our nation's highest award, the Order of Canada from the governor general.